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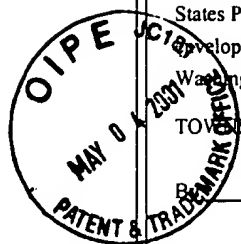
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In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2000, please amend this application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

27. (new) A method according to claim 1 including permitting slidable motion between the face and the first joint surface in a lateral direction.

28. (new) A method according to claim 8 including placing the first and second implant surfaces so as to permit relative slidable motion between the first and second faces and the first and second joint surfaces in a lateral direction.

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